

MINUTES

**CITY OF WARR ACRES
EMERGENCY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY
July 7, 2009
6:00 P.M.**

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Declaration of a quorum present was given.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

ABSENT

Mayor Patrick Woolley
Vice-Mayor Nancy Olson
Councilman Phil Owens
Councilman David Dirkschneider
Councilman Mike Gossman
Councilman Christian Portwood
Councilman Dean Johnson
Councilwoman Cathy Maxey
Councilman Doug Davis

2. Approval of a Declaration of an emergency on communications equipment operated by the Police and Fire Departments, camera system and possibly the storm siren and any other equipment that was destroyed by a lightening strike on July 4, 2009 for the immediate replacement of such equipment for the protection and safety of citizens.

Attorney Jernigan stated that the council needed to declare an emergency. Chief Patty gave the council information about what had happened and what all equipment they knew would need to be replaced. He told them that the night of July 4th the communications tower and the electrical current traveled through the cable from the tower into the building and burned up the two consoles. It also fried the camera surveillance system and one computer. He said that they checked the siren and it does work. He said that they will set up for wireless but it may cost more. He stated that currently the citizens are being protected under a temporary fix. The equipment will take 4-5 days for delivery and another 4-5 days for installation.

Motion by Owens, second by Gossman to declare an emergency for the purpose of meeting the open meeting act. Poll vote: Johnson, yea; Owens, yea;

Dirkschneider, yea; Gossman, yea; Maxey, yea; Davis, yea; Portwood, yea; Olson, yea; and Woolley, yea.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Items 3 and 4 were taken together with one motion.

3. Approval to waive competitive bidding for the replacement and installation of communications equipment operated by the Police and Fire Departments, camera system and possibly the storm siren and any other equipment that was destroyed by a lightening strike on July 4, 2009.

Chief Patty told the council good thing is that most of the cost will be covered by insurance but the city will have to pay the \$5,000 deductible. Once the insurance check comes in it will be deposited back to the Public Safety Tax Fund.

Motion by Gossman, second by Dirkschneider to waive competitive bidding, and approve appropriation of not more than \$45,000 from Public Safety Tax Fund.

Poll vote: Johnson, yea; Owens, yea; Dirkschneider, yea; Gossman, yea; Maxey, yea; Davis, yea; Portwood, yea; Olson, yea; and Woolley, yea.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

4. Approval and appropriation of funds in the amount of \$45,000 to purchase the communications equipment operated by the Police and Fire Departments, camera system and possibly the storm siren and any other equipment that was destroyed by a lightening strike on July 4, 2009.
5. Adjournment.

Motion by Owens, second by Johnson to adjourn. Poll vote: Johnson, yea; Owens, yea; Dirkschneider, yea; Gossman, yea; Maxey, yea; Davis, yea; Portwood, yea; Olson, yea; and Woolley, yea.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela McDowell-Ramirez
City Clerk